

P. G. #70-32

Daniel P. Seaton House
5510 Lincoln Avenue, Lanham, Md.
Priv/Occ/Res/Fair

1915

The Seaton house is a two-and-one-half-story three-bay gable-roofed frame house with entrance through the central bay of the east facade. There is a Palladian window in each of the north and south gable ends at loft level; a prominent dormer centered in the east slope of the roof also has a small Palladian window. A two-story semi-hexagonal bay projects from the first bay of the east facade. The principal windows are 2/2.

The Seaton house is the most substantial residence in Lincoln, a semi-rural community established in 1908 along the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad. This community became a desirable suburban home for working black families established in Lincoln, and it was in this year that Daniel P. Seaton, former pastor of Brown's Memorial A.M.E. church in D.C., settled in Lincoln in his just completed home. This commodious residence was assessed at \$2000, considerably higher than any other in Lincoln. Daniel Seaton was a scholar as well as a spiritual leader; he had published The Land of Promise in 1895, an analysis of the Palestinian/Syrian/Israeli culture from a religious perspective. He also had a medical degree, and had traveled extensively, including the circumnavigation of the globe in 1892-93. He had served as pastor of A.M.E. churches in five other states and Washington, D. C., before he became the second pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Lincoln, which later came to be known as Seaton Memorial Church in his honor. The Seaton house is significant as part of the development of the Lincoln community, and because of the prominence of its first resident.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. P.G. #70-32

Magi No. 1732005704

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel P. Seaton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5510 Lincoln Ave., ☐ not for publication

city, town Lanham ☐ vicinity of / Lincoln congressional district 5

state Maryland county P. G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George W. Pierce

street & number 5510 Lincoln Ave., telephone no.:

city, town Lanham state and zip code Maryland 20801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. County Courthouse liber 634

street & number Main Street folio 65

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Daniel P. Seaton house is a two-and-one-half story three-bay frame house with gable roof, and several distinctive architectural details. There is a modified Palladian window in each of the north and south gable ends, at third floor level above the eaves. A prominent dormer centered in the east slope of the roof (at third level) also has a small Palladian window. A two-story, semi-hexagonal bay projects from the first bay of the east (principal) facade; it is surmounted by a small gable roof (at eaves level). The principal windows are 2/2.

Entrance is through the second (central) bay of the east facade. A one-story shed-roofed porch covers the second and third bay of the east facade and turns along the north gable end.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates	1915	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Seaton Memorial A.M.E. Church in Lincoln is named in honor of an extraordinary Black man who was active in religious activities on a local, national and international level in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Dr. Daniel Peter Seaton purchased his lot in Lincoln in 1913. His home was constructed in 1915 and assessed at \$2,000.00. Prior to the completion of the house in Lincoln, Md., Dr. Seaton served as Pastor of the historic Brown's Memorial A.M.E. Church in Washington, D. C. Upon the reassignment of Rev. Jeremiah R. Hawkins to another A.M.E. Church, Dr. Seaton became the second minister of the early Bethel A.M.E. congregation.

Perhaps a man ^{ahead of} his time, Dr. Seaton was an explorer, world traveler, intellectual and spiritual leader in the A.M.E. faith. Born in 1835 of free parentage in Reisters-town, Maryland, Dr. Seaton left the state in his early teens. He received most of his education in New York and Pennsylvania. In 1871, he was awarded a Medical degree from the American University of Medicine in Pennsylvania and his license to minister from the New York Conference of the A.M.E. Church. During his many ministries, he pastored churches in North Carolina, Delaware, Indiana, Virginia, Pennsylvania and subsequently Washington D. C., and Maryland.

An accomplished Orator, as in the tradition of his contemporaries, he traveled all over the world addressing audiences in England, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France and Holland, among others. As part of one of his life goals, he was able to circumnavigate around the world from 1892 - 1893.

After spending time traveling throughout Palestine, upon his return to the United States, he wrote and published a book entitled, "The Land of Promise" in 1895. His book is a historical analysis of the political, social and

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and cultural customs, lifestyle and conflicts of the Palestinian, Syrian and Israeli people from a religious perspective.

Dr. Seaton died in January 1918; his will provided for a gift of \$50.00 to the Bethel A.M.E. congregation in Lincoln. After the present church was constructed, it was named, in his honor, Seaton Memorial A.M.E. Church.

The home of Dr. Seaton is significant not only as part of the overall development of Lincoln Community, but in the achievements of its first resident.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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P.G. Co. Deeds: #634:65; #97:105; #55:254
Administration file #2879 P.G. Will GPH #1:385
The Washington Bee - January 1916; November 6, 1915
"The Sons of Allen" - AME Book Concern

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Lanham

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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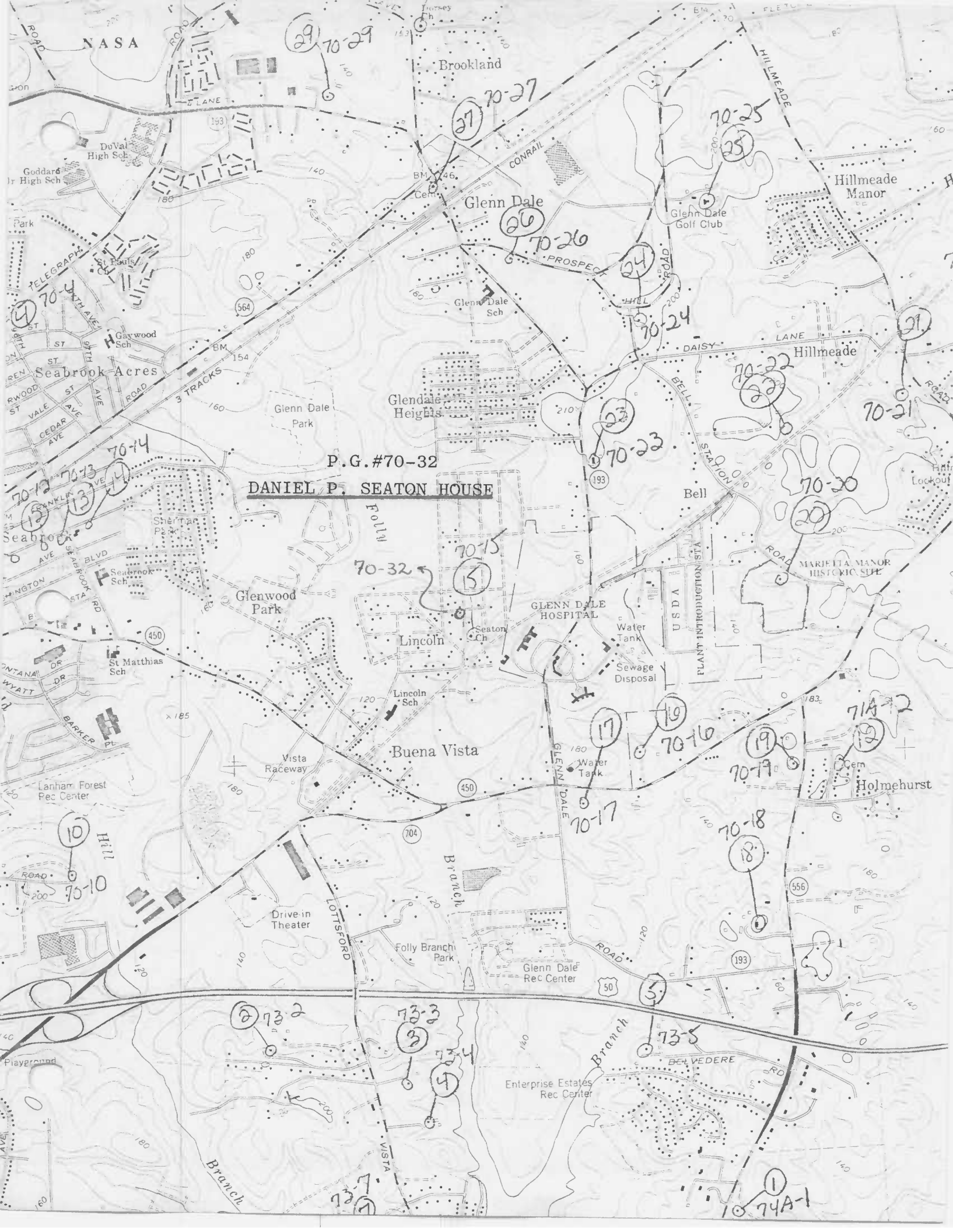
city or town Riverdale

state Maryland 20737

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Susan G. Pearl
March 1983
Southeast 3/4 Elevation
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